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for DIPRISONERS & HOBBY MASTERS all....

SEASONS GREETINGS and HAPPY HOLIDAYS from issue 68 of LIFE OF MONTY and Don Del Grande, 142 Eliseo Drive, Greenbrae, CA 94904-1339. By the way, issues of LOM are priced based on size: 55 cents for 16 pages, 60c for 20, 70c for 24 (although you might end up with 17c postage due - did that happen to anyone with issue 67?), and 90c for 28 (even though it costs me \$1.14 for a 28-pager and 88c for a 24). Should 24-pagers end up being more than an ounce, they go up to 85c. I am going to try to keep issues to 20 pages, but with three subzines (plus MEETING OF MINDS) it isn't going to be easy. (Already I'll probably have to move the North American Tournament Ratings regulations to next issue.)

But now for something completely the same:

MONTY'S NEWS AND COMMENT is brought to you by your local letter carrier, along with the rest of this issue.

As usual, this last issue of the year features the annual LOM CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.

To KATHY BYRNE: An alarm for your car - so you can detect when Phyllis tries to borrow it without remembering to ask you first.

To PHYLLIS BYRNE: A lock-picking set so you can borrow your mother's (or John's) car without having to remember to ask them first.

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To PETE DOUBLEDAY: A subscription to WISDEN'S MONTHLY so you can fill me in on what's been happening in Cricket recently. (Never mind - I got myself that already. How come in the two test match ties that have occurred out of the over-1000 played, both times it was India and Australia?)

To CATHY OZOG: A VCR so you can watch the hobby's unofficial collection of DOCTOR WHO tapes. (I have both The Three Doctors and The Five Doctors.)

To MICHAEL HOPCROFT: A set of instructions for determining which of FASA's DOCTOR WHO miniatures is supposed to be which companion. (It would be nice to know in case somebody tried painting them.)

To GARY COUGHLAN: Some "advice" concerning PUNCH cartoons (or British cartoons in general)....have you ever noticed those alien creatures that look like salt shakers with an eyepiece that is on the end of a shaft sticking out from their domed heads? (They have appeared in EE at least once.) They're called "Daleks", and they appear every now and then on DOCTOR WHO with shouts of "EX-TER-MIN-ATE" and blasting lasers. (And no, I don't know how they climb stairs.)

To "THE DOCTOR": Happy Birthday - November 23 marks the 23d anniversary of the show's beginning. The first showing was on the day after President Kennedy was shot.

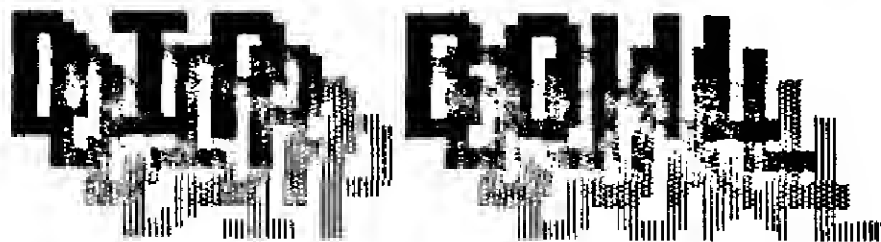
To EVERYBODY ELSE OUT THERE WHO HASN'T BEEN MENTIONED: Maybe next year.

-STAY-TUNED-PAY-ATTENTION-HERE-IT-COMES-YOUR-FAVORITE--

So one day Fleet Syria was listening to his radio when "The Voice Of The Hobby, Radio GM" started playing:

"Hello out there, I'm Cathy Ozog, currently from somewhere in Arizona, unless this is being taped for play far in advance, in which case try anywhere as I'm probably going there, if my car holds up....over here! I'm Michael Hopcroft, from Portland, OR....Simon Billenness, formerly of Europe, now from Staten Island, NJ....Elmer Hinton, from Nashua, NH.....those are the varsity dippers from the DIPPER WHO DIPLOMACY CLUB OF AMERICA.....now for the new champs, starting with me, Kathy Byrne, from the home of the champs, Flushing, NY....Bob Olsen, from somewhere in the plains, but since it's all the same out there, who cares where....John Caruso, from Mets City USA....and I'm Dale Bakken with no forwarding address.....and those are the varsity dippers from the WHITESTONIA AND KATHY'S KORNER ORGANIZATION (WAKKO)!"

Once again, it's time for everyone's favorite game with whatever kind of pieces it happens to come with nowadays, the varsity sport of the mouth,



Today's match, for the 1986 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP, comes to you almost LIVE from the William Randolph Hearst Greek Theater on the campus of the University of California, Berkeley....

(TWEEEEET) "There's the whistle to start the game. You're playing for a 20 point bonus - here's the toss-up for 10: what actor, now dead, portrayed the first Doctor in the series The Five Doctors?" (BUZZZZ)

"DWDCR, Billenness....Richard Hurndall"

"Correct for 10 points, and here's the bonus: what is the minimum number of colors required for a Diplomacy map?"

(Some discussion) "Four? Plus the sea areas...he didn't say different colors, did he? One!"

"No, it takes two - for example, black and white on the conference map. No points there. The next bonus is worth 30 points, and here's the toss-up: Some of you

may remember that Betty Buckley went from TV's Eight Is Enough to Broadway's Cats. For 10 points, who went from London's Cats to Television's Doctor Who?

(BUZZZZZZ) "DWDCa, Hopcroft....Bonnie Langford"

"Another 10 for DWDCa, and here's the 30-point bonus: has it been that long? Name the defending DIP BOWL champions, who aren't defending."

"How should we know? We're new to this DIP BOWL business."

"Close, but it was the Canadian Club of Dip."

By some STRANGE coincidence, every toss-up had to do with Doctor Who, while every bonus dealt with Diplomacy. Anyway, time was just about up, when....

"OK, with milliseconds remaining, the DWDCa leads 180 to zero....what's that noise?" (whrrrrRRRRrrr whrrrrRRRRrrr whrrRRRRrrr) "It's a TARDIPS (Time And Relative Diplomacy In Perfect Synchronization) - it's taking us back to the beginning of the show -"

(TWEEEEET) "There's the whistle to start the game - what's that noise? It's a TARDIPS - we're going forward in time...."

"With seconds remianing, the score is zero to zero. Here's the toss-up for 10: first it was John Leeder, and then Randolph Smyth - who currently runs-"

(RRRRRING) "WAKKO, Olsen....Bru-mmpfh"

Right about there, Kathy put her hand over Bob's mouth.

"CENSORED! CENSORED 'ruins' the Poll." (TWEEEEET)

"Sorry, but 'CENSORED' is not acceptable, and that's a 5-point penalty for answering wrong before the question is finished. There's the whistle to end the game....the final score is 0 for the DIPPER WHO DIPLOMACY CLUB OF AMERICA to -5 for the WHITESTONIA AND KATHY'S KORNER ORGANIZATION. DWDCa is the 1986 WORLD CHAMPION!"

Just then, the show stopped, and the GM's voice returned. "Fleet Syria, why did you resign from the hobby? Tell me or you'll NEVER KNOW!"

"Never know what?"

"Never know who it was piloting the TARDIPS...."

"Hey, get us back on! We want a rematch! We were robbed!"

"Kathy, isn't the Mets victory enough?"

Guess what? The letter column is growing....I actually have TWO letters this issue! First is from Fred Davis:

Have just recently received LOM #67. I like your new type. I can read it with my glasses on, which is greatly appreciated. I thought I'd try to answer a couple of questions you raised.

1. I believe that Elmer Hinton's call for a boycott of the Diplomacy tournament to be GM'ed by Robert Sacks at ORIGINS/ATLANTICON is based on what Robert does with the funds collected; not on what strange statements may come forth from the Hobby Meeting he always runs at one of these affairs.

Sacks always states that the proceeds from these tournaments will be distributed to hobby services and Custodians by something called the New York Games Board. As far as I've been able to determine, the NYGB consists of just Sacks and John Boardman. I don't know of anyone else still active in the postal hobby who is a member. The problem is that the funds are distributed only to those services and Custodians who happen to agree with the policies of the NYGB. Nothing is ever granted to the Miller Number Custodian, for example, because Sacks claims that neither Lee Kendter nor Fred Hyatt is, or has been, the real MNC. He refers to them as "Walker Number Custodians", while insisting that "Karel Alario" (who he?) is the one true MNC.

To be eligible for funding, a Custodian has to sign some sort of document with the NYGB, agreeing to come under their umbrella. Some Custodians don't wish to sign any such document, because of the possibility that this might give the NYGB some authority in picking the next Custodian if and when the incumbent retires. None of the past three legal MNCs have signed such a document. I refuse, as Custodian of the North American Variant Bank, to do so. We do not want to let the camel's nose into the tent. As a result, no monies raised at the various East Coast Diplomacy tournaments has come to us. I believe he has also refused to distribute any funds to any projects run by Bruce Linsey or Larry Peery, such as the various novice packages, polls, and the resurrection of DIPLOMACY

WORLD. I'm sure a complete list of projects Sacks has, or has not, funded, would be available from him.

While I disagree with some of Hinton's ideas, he has made a good point that if the ORIGINS/ATLANTICON Diplomacy tournament is being billed as helping to raise funds for the Postal hobby, these funds should go to the entire Postal Hobby services, and not just to those services which the NYGB approves of. This has also been discussed in other 'zines, specifically in YES, VIRGINIA, THERE IS A SANTA CLAUS. A proposal has been made that perhas someone other than Sacks and the NYGB ought to run these tournaments. However, it is a great deal of work, and one thing that can be said for Sacks is that he is a hard worker.

To give Sacks his due, there may not be all that many Postal Dip players at his tournaments. There were only 35 participants in his 1986 Diplomacy tournament, for example. Most of these people were locals from New Jersey and New York. I heard one comment to the effect that only about two of the players were into the Postal hobby. If the Tournament were not billed with the implication that the profits were going into the Postal hobby per se, there would be less objection to whatever the NYGB decided to do with them afterwards.

2. I have a copy of MASTERS OF DECEIT. The individual articles are well-written. However, this novice package was produced at the height of The Feud, at a time when some people were trying to establish something called "The Alternate Hobby", which was going to detach itself from the original mainstream hobby. Accordingly, most, but not all, of the authors, were in the Alternate Hobby group.

You only have to look down the list of authors on page 2 to see that all but two, or possibly three, were engaged on one particular side of The Feud. There is a total absence of any writing by Mark Berch, Bruce Linsey, Larry Peery, Gary Coughlan, or Rod Walker, five of the hobby's most prolific writers.

There is an extremely limited list of "Useful Publications" on page 51. A limited address list is on page 52. There is NO mention of SUPERNOVA or the Runestone Poll. There is one brief mention of

DIPLOMACY WORLD, described as "this quarterly, mass circulation product", with no hint that it is the hobby's flagship 'zine. There is no mention of the North American Variant Bank. DIPLOMACY DIGEST does not exist, per this publication.

It is my opinion that any novice depending solely on MASTERS OF DECEIT for information on the Postal hobby would be getting an extremely one-sided view of how things were going in mid-1985. Accordingly, I have always recommended that any novice should read both SUPERNOVA and MASTERS OF DECEIT. The second edition of SUPERNOVA did have the courtesy to list M.O.D.

With hindsight, the situation does not look so serious. The idea for an Alternate Hobby collapsed. Many of the publishers who were promoting the Alternate Hobby have folded their 'zines and dropped out of the hobby. The Feud has ended, thank God. I only count eleven 'zines plugged in M.O.D. which are still around. (One of them being LIFE OF MONTY.) Ironically, most of the people and Custodians who were not plugged are still in the hobby. In 1986, there is only one hobby. "Time Marches On!"

(The line above signifies that the letter is over, and my comments begin.)

There is a reason hardly any Postal Dippers show up at Sacks tournaments; most can only afford to go to one out-of-town tournament per year, and, for most of the hobbyists, this is either Marycon or Dipcon. When was the last time the NYGB hosted Dipcon? (Probably 1982, when ORIGINS was in Baltimore.) However, in the 1985 ORIGINS pre-registration form, it does say that "All proceeds (from the DIPLOMACY tournament) go to support hobby services". (It does NOT mention this in the Atlanticon 1984 form, but does in the 1981 GenCon East form, where a lot of hobbyists showed up as MaryCon had not started and ORIGINS was in California.)

As for MASTERS OF DECEIT, I seem to remember that it was originally planned by the short-lived People's Diplomacy Organization (who "ran" the original hobby auctions) as an alternative to SUPERNOVA, and that both John Boardman and Rod Walker had planned to write articles for it, despite the fact that the two were not exactly the best of friends.

And now for a letter from Bruce Linsey:

This letter is in response to your exchange with Mark Berch last issue. I can clear up the mystery of how polite was my invitation to Caruso to contribute to Once Upon A Deadline. Quoting my letter to John of 5 April:

While I've got you, why not send in an article for the new Publishers' Handbook? A lot of topics are already covered, so please check with me before actually writing. Let me hear back from you soon if you'd like to be part of this effort. Already, I have a lot of good material, but there's always room for more, especially from someone with your amount of publishing experience.

What I got back in reply was the hate-filled letter you've already seen ((**but not published**)) wherein John tells me that he won't write for the handbook as long as I have anything to do with it. But Mark is right when he says that this whole discussion is beside the point. I was not under any obligation to send John an invitation, polite or otherwise. Since you, Don, are the one who first raised the point, are you also going to mention that Olsen didn't send me an invitation to write for Masters Of Deceit? After all, I have six years worth of experience bringing novices into the hobby; it's reasonable then to expect that I'd have something useful to say to a novice, is it not?

Please don't misunderstand. Olsen was not obligated to invite me any more than he is obligated to include a plug for Supernova. It's just that by deliberately neglecting to do these things (and worse, refusing even to answer his questions about his policies at MOD), he compromises the whole point of putting out a novice handbook (that being to help novices). If he had their best interests at heart, he'd want to tell them about other useful available material. That is my reason for including a plug for MOD on the Supernova insert. I may not approve of some of the things Olsen has done, but his novice handbook is certainly useful to a newcomer and that far outweighs any personal feelings I may have about the publisher.

By the way, I can verify that MOD mentions neither Supernova nor the Runestone Poll. What's the matter, isn't Berch's word sufficient for you?

Thank you for telling me that I "know perfectly well the name of Kathy's Korner/Whitestonia". For your information, I knew nothing of the sort and my decision to count KK as a subzine was based on previous polls which had done the same. If Kathy would rather that I tabulate the votes for KK/W as a single entity ('zine), all she has to do is tell me so and I'll abide. (In fact, I've even asked her, via a politely-worded postcard, which she would prefer. To date, she hasn't replied.)

I will be perfectly blunt with you, Don: you are in the wrong to criticize me for devising a ballot consistent with previous polls when that's the best info I had to go on. I'll have none of this business about how I somehow should have known (by telepathy, we must assume) that KK was suddenly no longer a subzine. If she can't bring herself to drop me a line one way or the other, then I see no reason to entertain any after-the-fact bitching on this point. And if I'm too much a leper for Kathy to write to, she can say it in a letter to LOM where I'll see it.

I agree that KK is a subzine; as a matter of fact, going by Kathy's and John's statements in the past two ZINE REGISTERS, they agree! The "error" is in the title of the 'zine itself, which you list as WHITESTONIA. And you didn't know about the name change? Strange - I've been calling it KATHY'S KORNER/WHITESTONIA (or the other way around) for at least a year. However, you now know better for the next poll - or isn't my word sufficient for you?

By the way - if you want to know the name of KK/W, why don't you ask its publisher - John Caruso? (You say that you asked Kathy.)

((NOTE: Since this letter was written, John told Bruce that KK/W is a 'zine and that KK is not a subzine. Now, if someone will tell John that his statement in the ZINE REGISTER has to be changed to say this....))

You should know me better than to think I trust everybody about everything they say. If I did, then over 300 hobbyists must have voted THE VOICE OF DOOM last in the first (and only) Undarkside Poll last year, and you must have written a "sick" letter to someone who shall remain nameless. (However, I doubt both of the latter two statements.)

Why should MASTERS OF DECEIT plug SUPERNOVA? I don't see Rex Martin plugging FIRE & MOVEMENT in THE GENERAL, even though F&M contains articles that could be of benefit to owners of games made by The Avalon Hill Game Company, producers of THE GENERAL. Welcome to the real world. (Maybe there are tiny mentions of other magazines in THE GENERAL - but, for example, only Avalon Hill products get advertising, and only articles dealing with Avalon Hill games get printed. And pardon me for calling TAHGC "Avalon Hill" twice.)

NOTE that the opinions expressed in letters to LOM are the opinions of the letters' authors and do NOT necessarily reflect the opinions of myself or anyone else involved in LOM.



KINGMAKER - Signed up: Coufal, Hopcroft. Need 4 more.

DIPLOMACY - GMed by me. Dorneman, Hopcroft signed up. *Also Slaughter*

RAILWAY RIVALS - von Metzke, Watts signed up. 4 more.

1830 - still nobody willing to enter this one....

DOCTOR WHO RPG - GM Michael Hopcroft; this will be run independently of LOM. Latest details in his subzine, (TIME)LORDING IT, in this issue.

(TIME) LORDING IT. . . .

A SUBZINE BY MICHAEL HOPCROFT
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Welcome to the second bizarre installment of (TIME) LORDING IT. Since I last brought this thing out, my DOCTOR WHO campaign has grown by leaps and bounds. I now have 6 players signed up, and 4 of them have actually started their games. I think 10 players may be about the most I can handle. Let's see, shall we? If you want to sign up, write to me at the address above; but hurry!

I'm still looking for ILLUMINATI house rules. Anybody who has any ideas about how to run this game by mail should send them on down to me so we can get started.

I haven't gotten any letters yet, aside from one guy who wrote in to join the DOCTOR WHO campaign. If I get a good letter related to this subzine, I will print it. So get cracking!

RUMORS AND REPORTS

Does the Doctor really exist? That is the question the Fourth Doctor and Romana are facing at present. It seems the TARDIS was in mid-flight when the Doctor and the TARDIS faded away! When both came back, the Doctor realized something was wrong with his personal timestream, so he went to Gallifrey to sort it out. Or what was left of Gallifrey. . . he found the planet in ruins and the Eye of Harmony about to explode! Going back in time on Gallifrey proved to be impossible, and the TARDIS crew had to flee for their lives as the Eye exploded!

Doctor #6 and his new companion Melanie Bush have discovered a dream-regulating device left behind by Tegan Jovanka. Given what may be slumbering in Tegan's mind, it is vital that the Doctor get it back to her. But finding Tegan on Earth has been no easy task. . .

The Master is loose! After a hairbreadth escape from seemingly certain and well-deserved doom, the Master and the Rani are about to be unleashed on some unsuspecting planet. Where? Not even they know for sure. . .

Meanwhile, Doctor #4 (again), Sarah, and Harry have stumbled onto what appears to be a parking lot--for spacecraft! Why are they there instead of where they wanted to go? That's what they want to find out--but first they've got to leave the TARDIS without suffocating in vacuum!

See what you can achieve with a devilish mind and the right inclination? Maybe I'll see you in my campaign. Knowledge of the FASA DOCTOR WHO RPG is useful but not vital; knowledge of DOCTOR WHO will be even more useful. There are no fees except for a BASE with each turn. (I'm not made of stamps, unfortunately. . .)

THAT'S ALL, FOLKS

I know this is a short issue, but I needed to get this out and I saw that the deadline was fast approaching. My planned article on GURPS will have to wait for next time. Oh, well. Happy gaming.

Yours,

M. P. Hopcroft

MEETING OF MINDS # 5

This is probably the last MEETING OF MINDS for the 1986 tournament year (which, by no coincidence, is the same as the 1986 calendar year), and it is brought to you by the North American (perhaps soon to be International) Tournament Ratings service, currently chaired, organized, run, typed, and everything elsed, by Don Del Grande, 142 Eliseo Drive, Greenbrae, CA 94904-1339, USA.

There has been one tournament reported since last issue - PEERICON VI, held recently by Larry Peery in San Diego. A complete report appears in the last issue of XENOLOGIC (however, one thing does not appear - the dates of the tournament!), but I will present some of the "highlights".

This year's PEERICON hosted 22 players using the same system as DIPCON used this year (players could play a variable number of rounds, with average score per round determining the winner). Although only nine games were played, Larry Peery referred to the tournament as "the bloodiest Diplomacy tournament I've ever seen"; of the nine games played, seven ended in either a win or a 2-way draw. In addition to the blood being dripped, Larry figures that some 7000 gallons of water was flushed down his toilet that weekend.

SCORING SYSTEM

WIN: 100 points plus number of SCs
2-WAY DRAW: 50 points plus number of SCs
3-WAY DRAW: 33 points plus number of SCs
4-WAY DRAW: 25 points plus number of SCs
5-WAY DRAW: 10 points plus number of SCs

The highest average score per game won the tournament; ties were broken by number of games played.

NUMBER OF GAMES PLAYED: 9
NUMBER OF PLAYERS: 22

PEERICON FINAL RESULTS

<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>FINAL SCORE</u>	<u>NATR POINTS</u>
Jay Shufeldt	70.00	11.0000
Randy Goldring	46.00	8.3469
James Woodson	40.00	6.1020
Ron Spitzer	31.75	4.2653
Steve Barnert	29.55	2.8367
Don Williams	21.25	1.9163
Ken Kohn	21.00	1.2041
Ken Gestiehr Sr.	19.00	1.0000
Nick Beliaeff	18.75	1.0000
Bill Sexton	16.00	1.0000
Nick Marks	13.25	1.0000
Dave Villadsen	5.25	0
Mike Bohannon	3.33	0
Ken Gestiehr Jr.	2.00	0
Chris Kelly	2.00	0
Richard Harper	1.25	0
Larry Peery	1.00	0
John Clark, Sid Jolly, Chris Maisen, Jim Winsor, and Mike Matson did not score any points in the tournament.		

BEST AUSTRIA: Nick Marks (11 SCs)
BEST ENGLAND: Ron Spitzer (9)
BEST FRANCE: Randy Goldring (12)
BEST GERMANY: Jay Shufeldt (11 - win by concession)
BEST ITALY: Jay Shufeldt (8)
BEST RUSSIA: Ron Spitzer (18)
BEST TURKEY: Nick Beliaeff (16)

\$100 Gift Certificates donated by The Avalon Hill Game Company were awarded to tournament winner Jay Shufeldt and "Grand Prize" winner (possibly most "Best Country" awards or best single-game (118 points) performance) Ron Spitzer.

Incredibly enough, Larry Peery and Jay Shufeldt also attended DIPCON, although neither scored any NATR points there. (Had Jay finished fifth or better at DIPCON, he would be in first place in the overall NATR standings. As it stands, he is in 13th place, with CON THE BARBARIAN and BEETHOVENCON still to come.)

KINGMAKER, TURN 13....MYSTERY SNIPER CAUSES PANIC!

Before continuing....I have received word from Brad Wilson. He is still in the game (despite having no nobles on board); also, he has a new address - 224 Valley Park Drive #9, Chapel Hill, NC 27514.

KRIKKIT KINFEDERATION (Miller)

NEVILLE, GREY, TABLOT, PLANTAGENET-YORK

(Southampton(g))-Chichester-Arundel-h52-h53-h54

GREYSTOKE (Windsor)-Windsor-Blackheath-h55-Pevensey

STANLEY (Douglas)-s2-s4-s7-s9-s11

CLIFFORD (Wallingford)-Windsor-Wallingford

SACRED ORDER OF THE MIRACULOUS PANTY-HOSE (Mazzer)

CROMWELL, COURTENAY, HOWARD (h54)-Pevensey-Rye-
Canterbury(g)

ROOS, Le TRINITY (Pevensey)-s24-s26-s27-s28-Caister

MOWBRAY (begins at Castle Rising)-Caister

Le GEORGE remains at Pevensey

WACKY WABBITS OF WONDERLAND (Gestiehr)

BOURCHIER, BEAUFORT, HERBERT, PLANTAGENET-LANCASTER
remain at Farnham(g)

STAFFORD remains in Farnham

SCROPE remains in Windsor

Le MICHAEL remains in Milford Haven

WHITE DUCHESS (Ozog)

HASTINGS, HARLECH, PERCY, POLE remain at Harlech(g)

Le ROSE, Le LUCAS transport Stanley to s11

MOVEMENT NOTES: At Windsor, Greystoke gave Edward of Lancaster to Clifford; at Wallingford, Clifford also picked up Richard of York.

COMBAT: Note Scrope did not force a combat as he is in Windsor. Meanwhile, Holland and Percy siege Harlech (270 - EMBASSY, King to Ravenser). Percy and Holland enter Harlech and Percy now controls Edward of March.

There is one Crown Card in the discards: it goes to Brad Wilson.

Your card is:

TURN 14 EVENTS: FRENCH SIEGE (Cromwell to Calais); STORMS AT SEA (Stanley, Le Rose, Le Lucas land at Milford Haven); MUTINY - Le Michael removed; PEASANT REVOLT (Stafford to Leeds); ASSASSINATION- the next card (STORMS AT SEA) results in Clifford's death, and Edward of Lancaster and Richard of York are at Wallingford Green; PAPAL DIET (no effect).

Note that the KK control Plantagenet-York until another faction captures the senior Yorkist.

DEADLINE for TURN 14 is JANUARY 8, 1987. Take it away:

SOMPH-KK: Where am I going? Oh, just a little indiscriminate raping, pillaging, and plundering. Nowhere special.

HARLECH: At last they ran out of ale and the Irishmen were getting restless.

"We want more ale!" they cried to Holland. "More ale or we shall home to Ireland."

Holland didn't have the heart to tell them that they would never see home again with Le Lucas gone. Young Percy had a good idea though.

He pulled Holland to one side. "Tell the Irishmen that there is plenty of wine in the castle. We'll have the walls down in no time and Edward in our hands."

Within no time the Irishmen were inside and drinking away. Edward came out and was very upset.

"What's the meaning of this? Who are you?" Edward cried. Then he caught sight of his younger brother holding onto the arm of a lady in white.

"Why you little bastard," Edward swore and drew his sword.

"Hold," the lady cried. "You should not fight each other. Edward, it was your father who wants your life, not us. Come with us to find your father - Richard."

DIPLOMACY 84CI, SUMMER/FALL 1910 - ITALIANS ENTRENCHED

CORRECTION: In Spring 1910, Italy's F NAF did not succeed in its move to MAO. Mark noticed this and ordered F NAF in his ordres, although it didn't really matter in the outcome.

SUMMER 1910: Russia retreats A Sev to UKR

FALL 1910

ENGLAND (Martin): F Mao-GAS, F ENG S F Nao-Mao,
A RUH S A Pic-Bur, F NTH C A Yor-Bel, F Ber-BAL,
F IRI S F Nao-Mao, A Kie-BER, A Yor-BEL,
A Pic-BUR, A Hol-KIE, A BRE S F Mao-Gas, F Nao-MAO

FRANCE (Young): NMR - A PAR holds

ITALY (Stegeman): A BOH S A Tyo-Mun, A SIL S A War,
A GAL S A War, A ARM S F Sev, A Tyo-MUN; F LYD,
A PIE, F POR, F SPA(sc), F NAF, A WAR, F SEV,
F RUM, A TUS, F TYH, A Gas, A Bur all hold.

RUSSIA (Dorneman): A MOS S A Ukr-Sev, A UKR-Sev,
A PRU-War

1910 SUPPLY CENTERS (CAPS = GAIN, Underline = Loss)

ENGLAND: Lon, Edi, Lvp, Nwy, Swe, Den, Hol, Stp, Kie,
Bre, Bel, Ber - 12

FRANCE: Par, Spa - 1

ITALY: Rom, Nap, Ven, Tri, Ser, Vie, Bud, Gre, Bul,
Con, Smy, Mun, Tun, Rum, Ank, Por, Mar, SPA,
WAR, SEV - 20

RUSSIA: Mos, War, Sev - 1

GAME ENDS - WIN BY ITALY

GAME: 1984CI
GM: Don Del Grande

ZINE: LIFE OF MONTY

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AUSTRIA	2	2	3*	3	0						
ENGLAND	3	4	4	6	7	9	10	9	12	12	
FRANCE	5	5	6	6	6	8@	8	6	2	1	
GERMANY	6	7	6	4	3	1	0				
ITALY	5	6	6	7	9#	9	11	15*	17	20	WIN
RUSSIA	5	5	5	5	6@	4	5	4	3	1	
TURKEY	5	4	4	3	3*	0					

AUSTRIA: Matt Wagner (drop F 04), John Caruso (out F 05)

ENGLAND: Dick Martin (sur F 10)

FRANCE: Jim Bjornsson (drop S 08), Dan Young (sur F 10)

GERMANY: Greg Doyle (drop F 04), Brad Wilson (out F 07)

ITALY: Mark Stegeman (WINS F 10)

RUSSIA: Michael Lee (drop S 06), Ken Peel (drop S 09), David Berk (drop S 10), Stephen Dorneman (sur F 10)

TURKEY: Kenny Gestiehr Jr. (res F 03), Mike Ehli (out F 07)

Note that "Kenny Gestiehr Jr." is the son of Ken Gestiehr - they are not the same person

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ITA-ENG: Since you missed the Rome date, how about lunch in Paris?

ITA-GM: Thanks for a good GM job.

GM-ITA: "Good" is the word for it. No 10s on my GM rating in the next poll after this game. But then again, what's a game with me and Dick without at least one season with stacking units?

RUSSIA-AUSTRIA, TURKEY, AND GERMANY: All right guys, it's us against them!! Uh, guys? Guys? Hey, who turned out the lights?

RUSSIA-GM: I hope this entitles me to an end-game statement....

LONDON: Word has reached the populace of Italian atrocities perpetrated against Protestants and other non-Catholics across the European continent, and preparations have been made to weather the upcoming Dark Ages. The Inquisition shall never set its bloody hand upon our children! There shall always be an England!

MACPLUS-ATARI: Don't worry, Don. Only the most unaware among us could confuse the new-look LOM with a decent Mac produced zeen. I'll be interested in what LOM looks like after you figure out how to get the most out of your 1040ST. I'm hardly panicked yet....

ATARI-MACPLUS: Then why did you get the laser printer? (And what kind is it? Apple LaserWriter, I assume, since you probably could have gotten some student discount, right?) Actually, the problem is that, while early Mac software was mainly word-processing / printing, most early ST stuff is spreadsheets / number-crunching or color screen art drawing (for example, DEGAS). A number of companies are promising WP software with fonts and the ability to include "clip art" from DEGAS; the only one so far is HippoWriter (from Hippopotamus Software), which uses its own font files. I'm waiting for PaperClip Elite, which will probably use the more-standard Atari GDOS font format (besides, Batteries Included also makes DEGAS Elite, which is what I use for graphics).

ADDITIONAL STANDBY CREDITS: Dan Young gets \$1 and Stephen Dorneman gets \$1.50. Yes, Steve, you can send in an endgame statement. So can the rest of you. The deadline for the next issue is JANUARY 10.

-NOW-WHAT-DO-I-DO-TO-FILL-THIS-PAGE-I-NEED-SOME-IDEAS--

SUBMARINE WARFARE

and

TIMEWARP

did not arrive in time for this issue. TIMEWARP will be sent out separately. Presumably, Dick has put it on his new laser printer, which makes Dick the next Bernie Oaklyn - **let me explain that**. Bernie Oaklyn (actually, Bernard "Buddy" Treick) had a 'zine called LE FRONT DU LIBERATION DU DIPLOMACY, which he called "the best aesthetically available" in the first ZINE DIRECTORY. No doubt that the title now belongs to RETALIATION and its just-like-typeset printing.

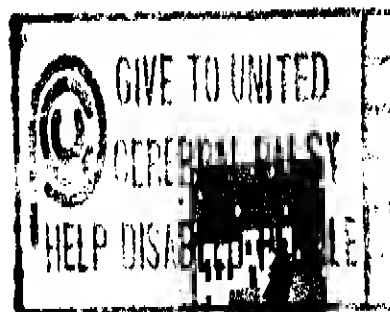
Anyway, I do have to fill this space with something....speaking of RETAL, how about a playlist?

Doctor In Distress, Who Cares (a bunch of British rock and TV stars - proceeds go to Cancer Research) - the "Who" refers to DOCTOR WHO, which is now finishing an 18-month break ordered by some BBC bigshots; the song was written in protest to the lengthy stoppage.

An Old Met Christmas - this features some of the stars of the New York Metropolitan Opera when they played in the original Met (the new Met at Lincoln Center opened in 1966), including a 1916 recording of "Cantique de Noel" by Enrico Caruso.

As for my VIDEO playlist, I have all but four episodes of MONTY PYTHON'S FLYING CIRCUS on tape. Speaking of which, three two-episode tapes are available in stores, as are all of the FAWLTY TOWERS episodes (four three-episode tapes) and THE PRISONER (17 one-episode tapes).

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